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Honorable Sir:

The undersigned, **Stefan Kuenkel**, declares:

1. I am an employee of Leica Microsystems Nussloch GmbH, assignee of the present application and a successor to Leica Instruments GmbH. I have worked for Leica Microsystems Nussloch GmbH since 19 91, and I am familiar with the Leica Cryocut 1800.
2. The Leica Cryocut 1800 was launched by Leica Instruments GmbH in 1989.
3. The Leica Cryocut 1800 is described in U.S. Patent No. 4,979,376. The Leica Cryocut 1800 has a fluorescent bulb near a glass pane of the cryostat cabinet to help prevent fogging of the glass pane. The bulb is not within the cryostat chamber that holds the microtome and specimen.

Respectfully submitted,

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